

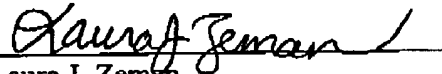
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the June 7, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 15-23 and rejected claims 1, 3-11 and 24 pending in the application. This response cancels claims 1, 3-14 and 24, without prejudice of disclaimer, in an effort to enable a patent to issue with the allowed claims 15-23. Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a continuation-in-part patent application directed to the rejected claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims fully comply with 35 U.S.C. §112 and are allowable over the prior art of record. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that further amendments should be made to improve the form of the claims, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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